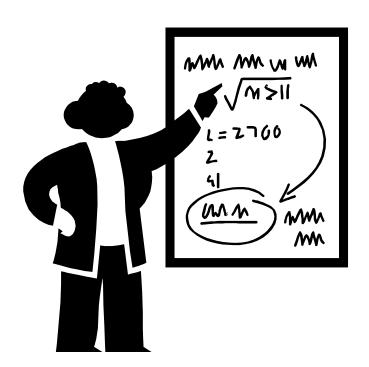
The Atlanta Regional Commission Transportation Model

Presentation Made to the 2004 TMIP NCDOT Modeling Peer Review

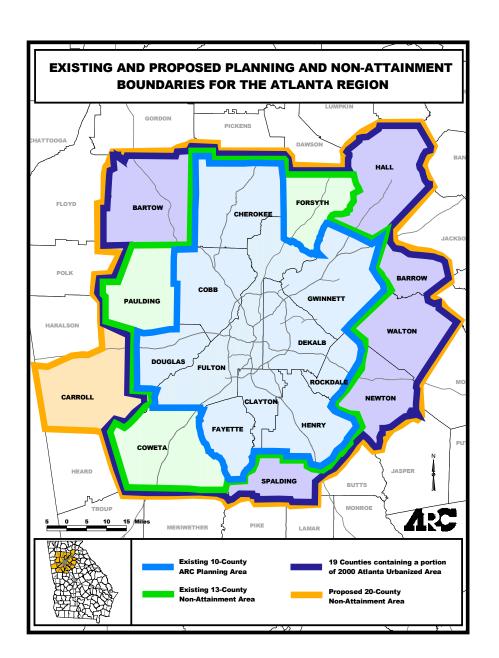


ARC Transportation Planning

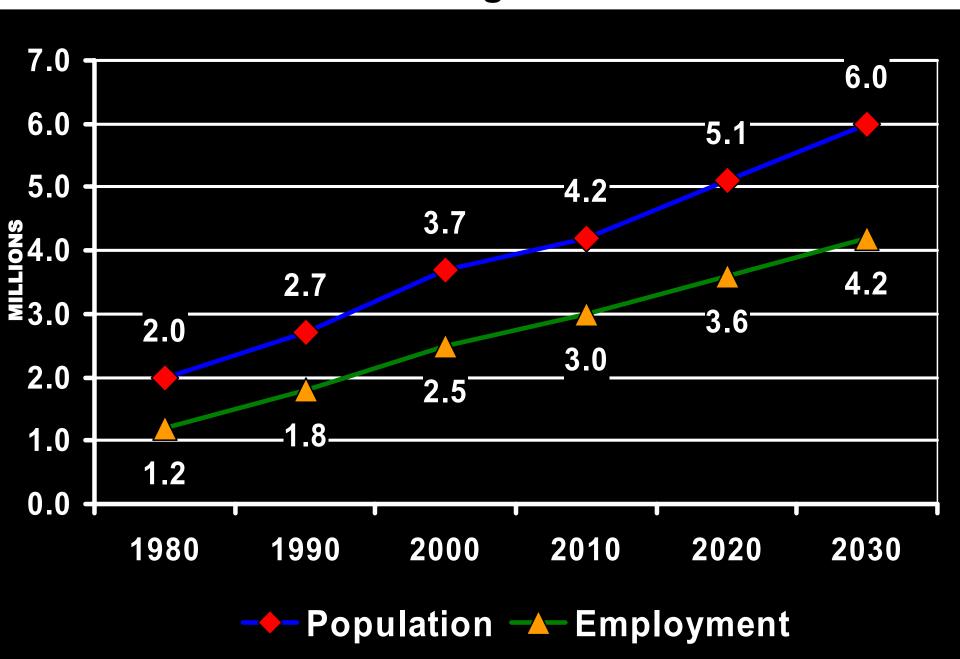
- Departmental Organization
 - Long Range Planning
 - Short Range Planning
 - Modeling, Analysis & Data
 - Air Quality

What is the Atlanta Region?

- 10-county ARC planning area
- 19 counties containing a portion of 2000 Atlanta UAB (ARC will likely expand to 18 counties)
- 13 counties classified as Serious ozone nonattainment area by 1990 CAAA (reclassification to Severe effective January 2004)
- 20 counties proposed for 8hour nonattainment area



Number One Challenge - Growth



ARC Travel Demand Modeling Team

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 Highway Network Coding, Performance Measures
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 Transit Network Coding, Development of Regional In

Transit Network Coding, Development of Regional Impact (DRI)

ARC Forecasts Two step process

First produce forecast for entire area (13 Counties) using IPEF (Interactive Population and Econometric Forecasting) model

Disaggregate area forecast to smaller areas using DRAM/EMPAL (Disaggregate Residential Allocation Model / Employment Allocation)

Surveys and Studies

- •2000-1 Household Travel Survey (SMARTRAQ): 2-day survey, 8000 households surveyed, or about 1/200 household
- •2001 Transit On-Board Survey
- 1999 Establishment Survey
- 2000 Hartsfield Jackson International Airport Survey
- •2000-2001 Speed Studies & Travel Time Studies

Traffic Modeling Platform/Environment

Converted Model Stream from TRANPLAN to TP+

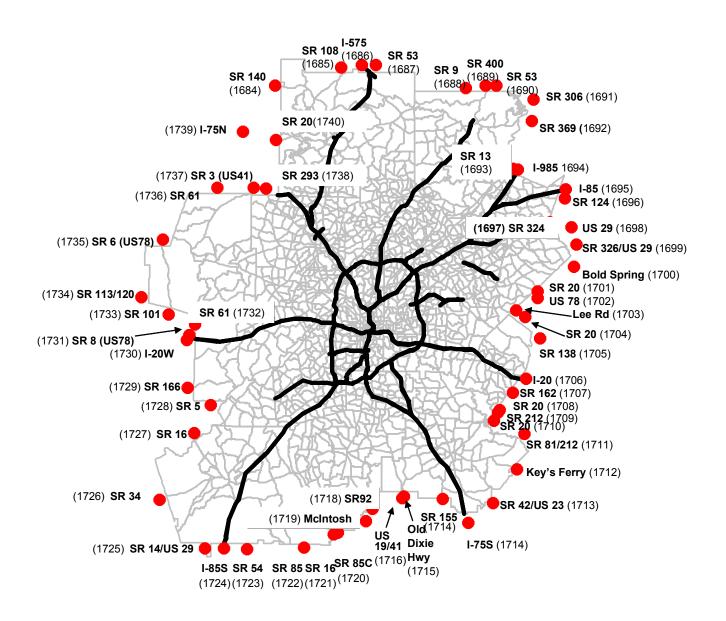
Socio-Economic (SE) Data

- Updated Using Census 2000 Datasets (CTPP)
- Updated Base Year 2000 Colleges & Universities Enrollment
- •589 Census Tracts (from DRAM/EMPAL) SE Data disaggregated into 1683 internal TAZ

ARC Highway Networks & Related TAZ structure

- Expanded Zonal Structure from 948 internal TAZ to 1683, maintained External Stations to 57 zones, for a grand total of 1740 TAZ, compared to 1005 previously
- QA/QC 2000 Base Year Highway Network using GIS-T techniques and Aerial Photography
- Revisited Centroid Connectors to accommodate new internal TAZ geometric reconfiguration
- Expanded facility type definitions
- Refined Facility Types Definitions using ARC CMS Strategic Arterial System Definitions
- Updated Free-Flow Speeds and Capacities Look-Up Tables, based upon 2000-2001 travel times and speed studies

ARC 57 External Stations

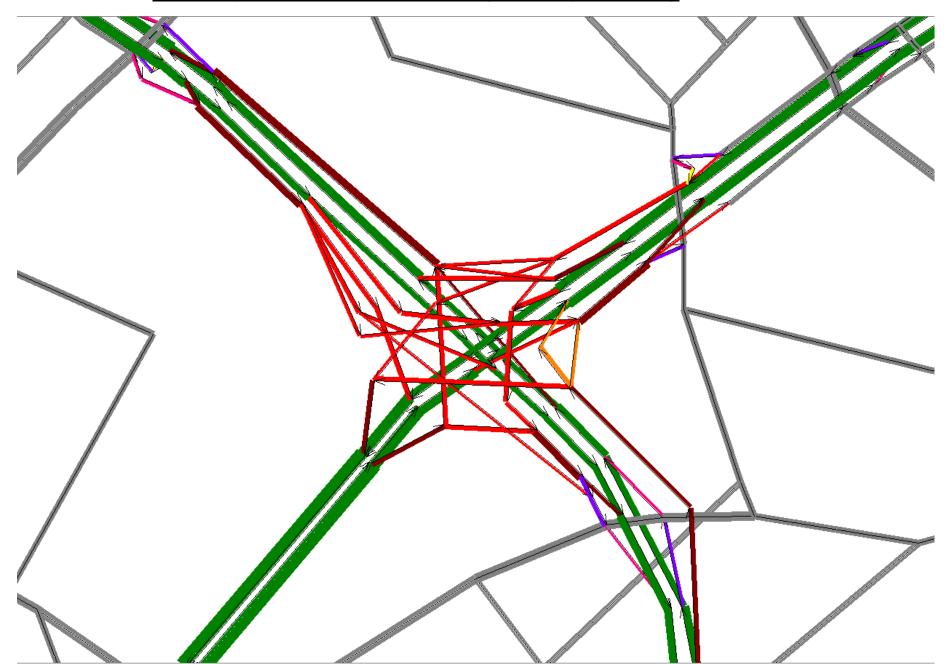


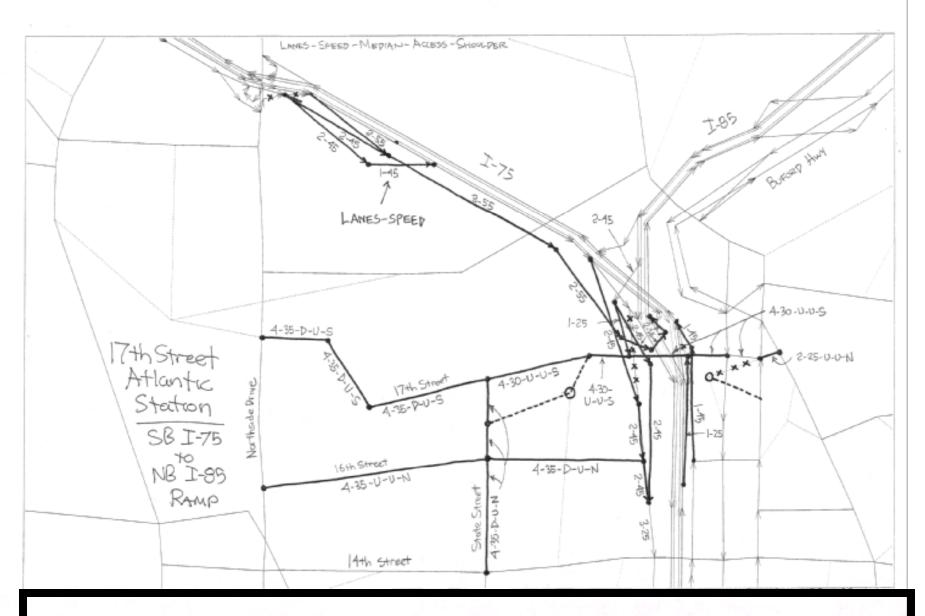
ARC Facility Types

- 0 Centroid Connectors
- 1 Interstate / Freeway
- 2 Parkway
- 3 HOV Buffer Separated
- 4 HOV Barrier Separated
- 5 High Speed Ramp / CD Road
- 6 Medium Speed Ramp
- 7 Low Speed Ramp
- 8 Loop Ramp
- 9 Off Ramp w/ Intersection
- 10 On Ramp w/ Intersection
- 11 Expressway
- 12 Principal Arterial Class I
- 13 Principal Arterial Class II
- 14 Minor Arterial Class I
- 15 Minor Arterial Class II
- 16 HOV Arterial (all classes)
- 17 Major Collector
- 18 Minor Collector / Other Local
- 19 Planned Ramps w/ Intersections
- 20 Planned Directional Ramps
- 50 Transit Only Link: Neighborhood Local
- 51 Transit Only Link: Local Roads and Collectors
- 52 Transit Only Link: Park-n-ride lot connector
- 53 Transit Only Link: Transfer links between rail and bus
- 54 Associated with BRT Routes (Future year coding)



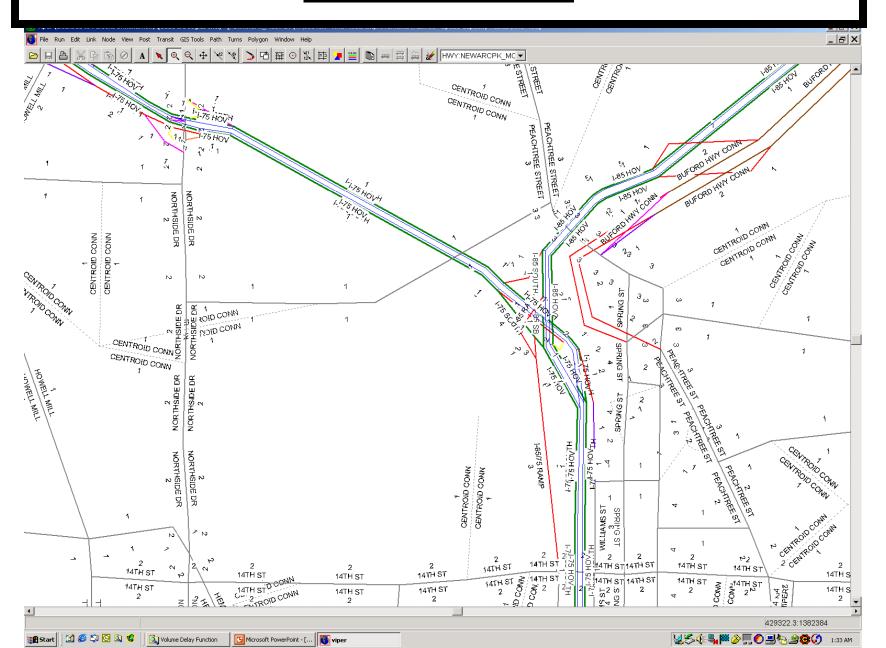
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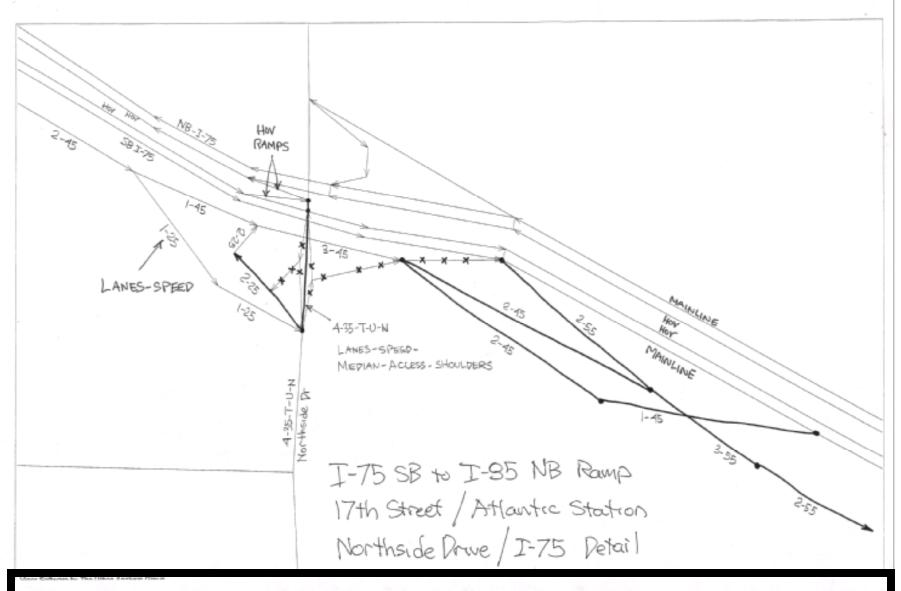




Atlantic Steel Site Development

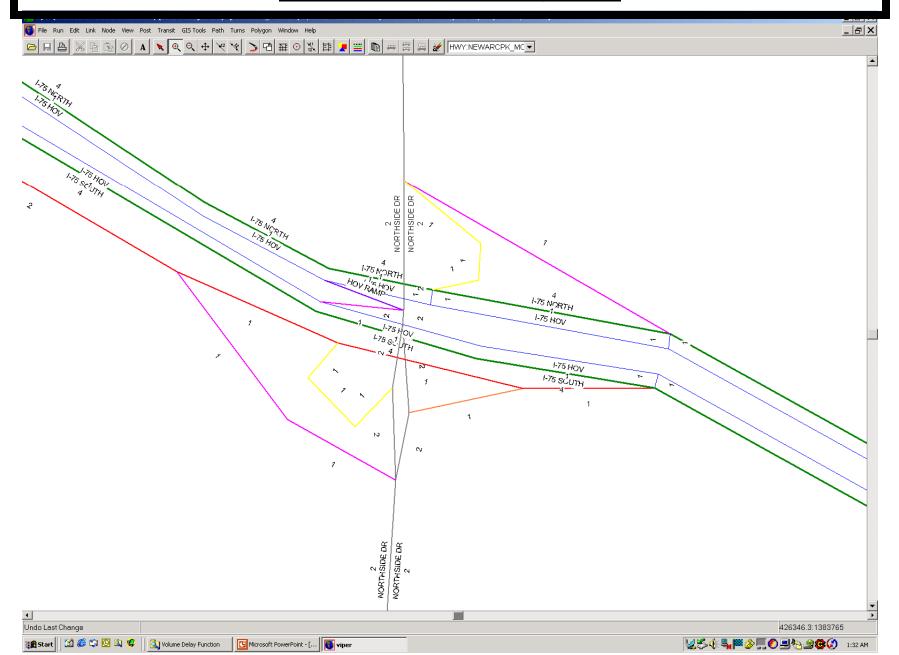
Atlantic Steel Site

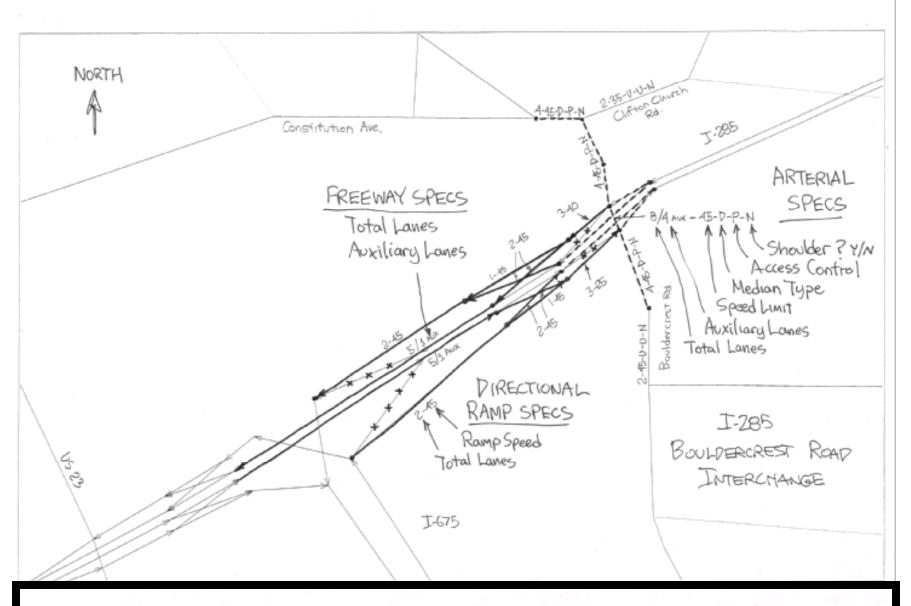




Northside Drive @ I-75

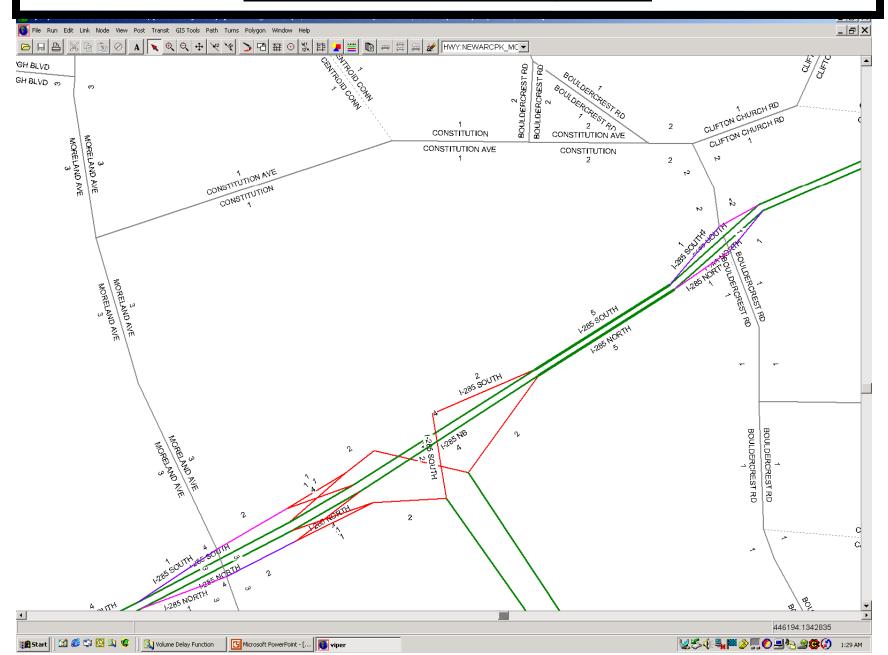
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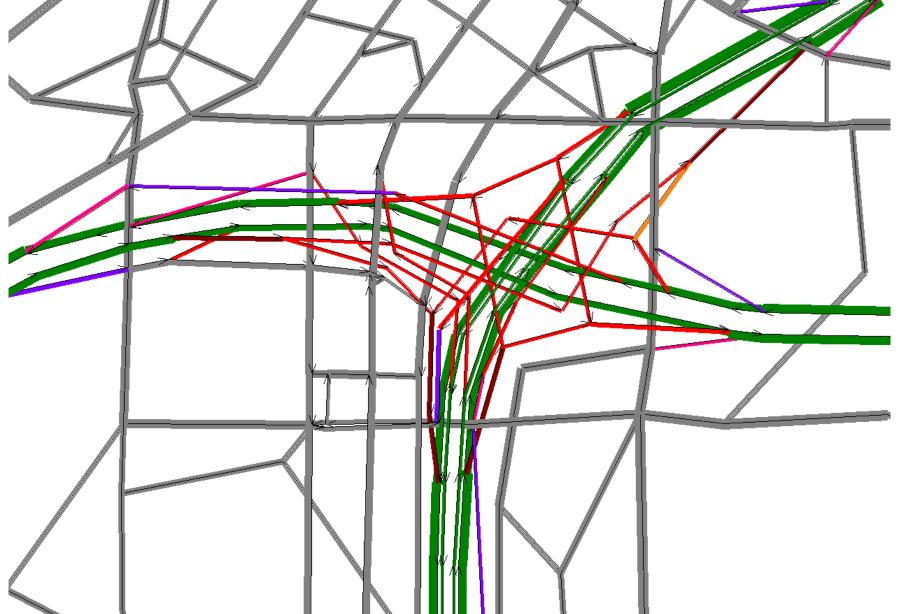


Bouldercrest Road @ I-285

Bouldercrest Road @ I-285



Downtown Connector (I-75 / I-85) @ I-20



ARC-Coded ITS Strategies for Future Network Years (2030)

- Advanced Traffic Signal Coordination and Control
- Fiber-optic Communications
- Video Surveillance and Data Collection on Entire Corridors
- Activity Center Surveillance at Interstate Highway Crossings, Industrial Yards, Shopping Malls, Cross Regional Corridors
- Facilities Parallel to Interstate Highways
- Variable Message Signs (VMS) at Major Decision Points on Freeways
- Transit Vehicle Signal Priority
- Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) for Transit
- Electronic Fare Payment for Transit Service
- Queue Jumper Lanes for Transit
- Ramp Metering on Freeways

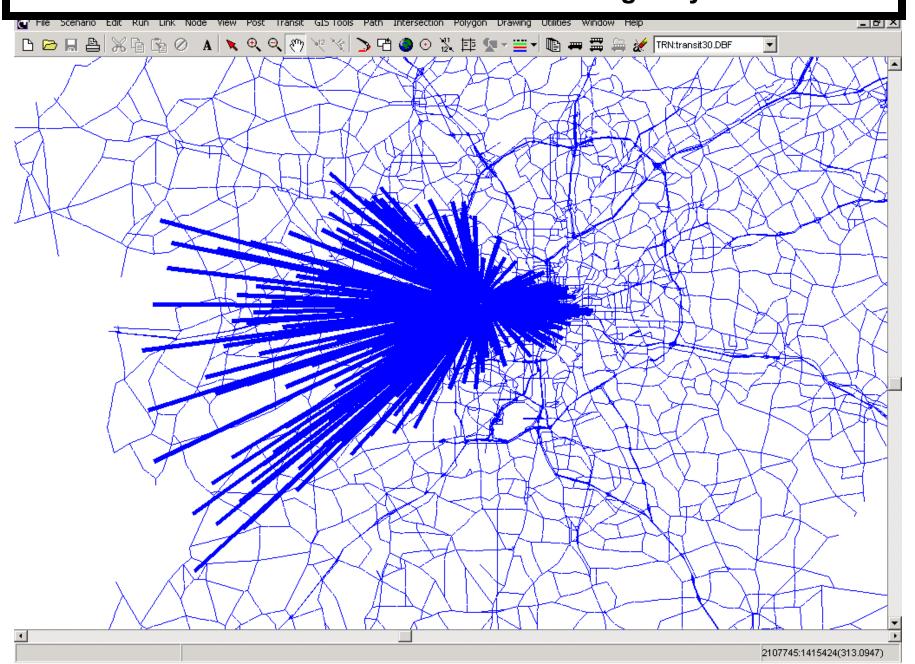
ITS benefits expressed in terms of:

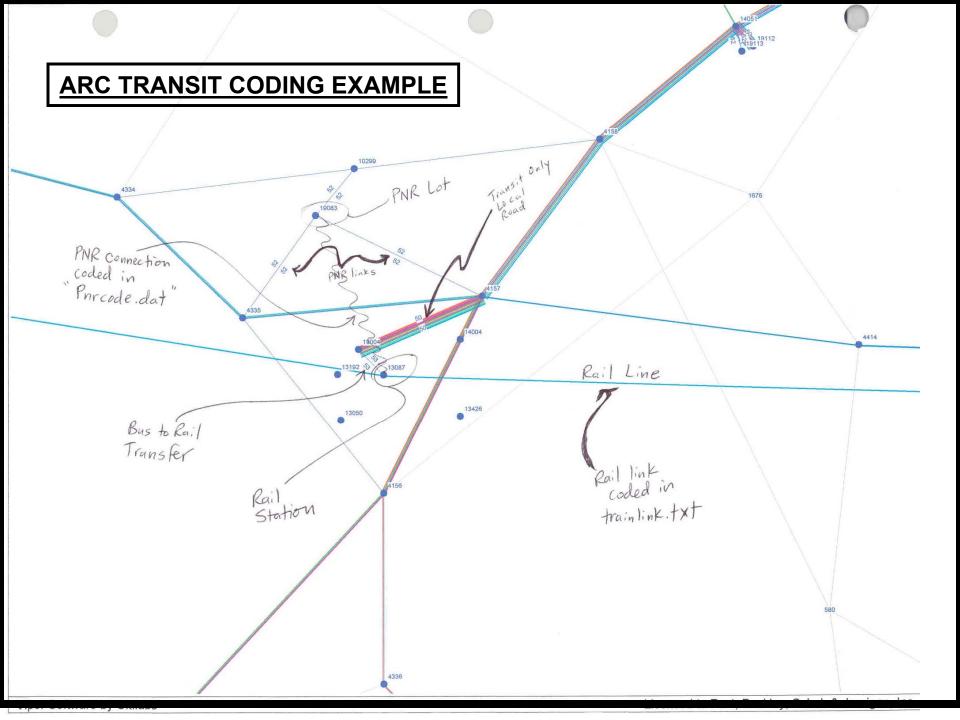
- travel time savings
- delay reductions
- free-flow speeds increases
- localized transit mode share increases

ARC's Transit Networks

- Developed a Bus Speed Model
 - Empirical model to hook bus speeds with congested highway travel times, reflecting mixed flow of traffic operating conditions
 - Stratified by area types and facility types
- Defined 3 types of transit service access
 - Walk to local bus service
 - Walk to premium (with local bus & rail)
 - Drive to transit
- Separated walk to local from walk to premium
- Automated procedures for walk-to-transit links, with maximum length based on area of zone
- Separated Park-And-Ride (PNR) lots by types, local VS premium
 - Local, max access time = 15 minutes
 - Premium, max access time = 60 minutes
- Created procedures to build drive to premium PNR lots to focus on appropriate market, minimizing illogical paths. Max access time increases as market direction is approached
- Refined mode-to-mode transfer prohibitions, improving transit paths
- Improved Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) coding methods

ARC's Drive Connectors to PNR Lot on Highway Network





ARC's Trip Generation

- Production Model: Set of Logit Models stratified by trip purposes and person types
 - 6 Trip Purposes
 - HBW Home-Based Work
 - HBShop Home-Based Shop
 - HBO Home-Based Other
 - HBU Home-Based University (age of traveler: 19+)
 - HBSchool Home-Based Grade School (age of traveler: under 19)
 - NHB Non-Home Based
 - 3 Person Types
 - Adult worker (age 16+ with full or part time job)
 - Non-Working Adult
 - Child (age 15 or younger)
 - 5 Socio-Economic Independent Variables, by household
 - Household size (1,2,3,4+)
 - Household income (\$0-\$20K, 20-50, 50-100, \$100K+)
 - Workers per Household (0,1,2,3+)
 - Children per Household (0,1,2,3+)
 - Autos per Household (0,1,2,3+)

ARC's Trip Generation – Production Model

- Estimates probabilities of a person making:
 - 0 trip, I trip, 2 trips, 3 trips, 4+ trips
- Converts to trip rates/person by person type
- Estimates non-motorized trips, including consideration of household access by income for transit and highway time
- Based on 2000-2001 household travel survey

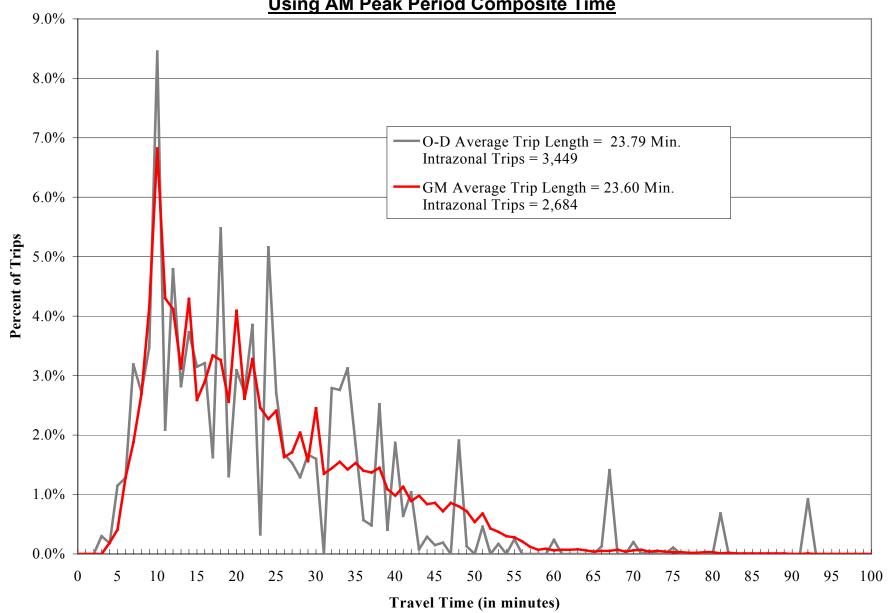
ARC's Trip Generation – Attraction Model

- Cross classification for HBW, HBShop, HBO, NHB Regression for HBSchool, HBU
- Stratified by 4 trip purposes, all 4 are a 2-way cross-class matrix of trip rates per employee, or person, or household.
- Trip rates for each of the 4 purposes, one for each type of demographic data: types of households, persons and employment (8 types, construction, manufacturing, retail, TCU, wholesale, FIRE, service, government), and one for each of the 7 area types (based on density, CBD, Urb Com, Urb Res, Suburb Com, Suburb Res, Exurb, Rural)
- Based on 1999 Establishment Survey

ARC's Trip Distribution

- Use separate gravity model for each of the 6 trip purposes
- Separate friction factors for each of the 6 trip purposes by the 4 income groups
- Composite time (highway and transit time) used as impedance variable
- HBW uses AM peak period skims
- All other trip purposes use free-flow skims with separate topographic penalties added, those are area biases, such as the Chattahoochee River

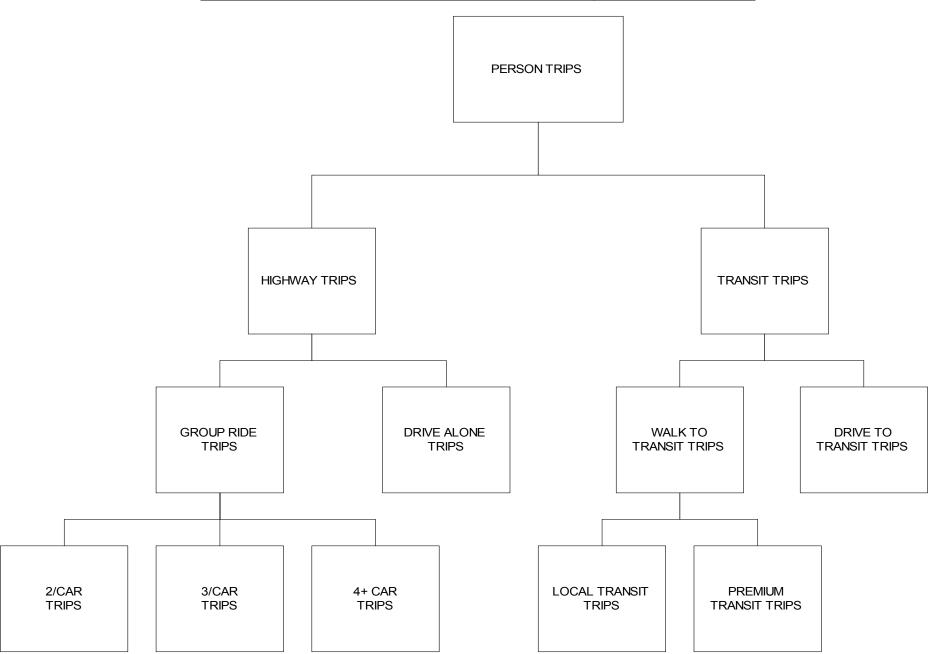
ARC's Trip Length Frequency Distribution (TLFD) HBW Income Group 1 Trips (O-D vs. GM) Using AM Peak Period Composite Time



ARC's Mode Split

- Fully Nested Logit for HBW, HBO (or HBNW, Non-Work), NHB
- HBW uses AM peak period skims
- HBO & NHB use mid-day skims
- Use TP+ procedures for % walk to transit by taz,
 via a grid with results similar to GIS TIGER path
- Added bus miles, local only transit service and suburban drive variables
- Automated bus miles calculations
- Calibration targets from MARTA/CCT boarding and local surveys, using ALOGIT software
- Works with FTA's New Starts 'Summit' Program

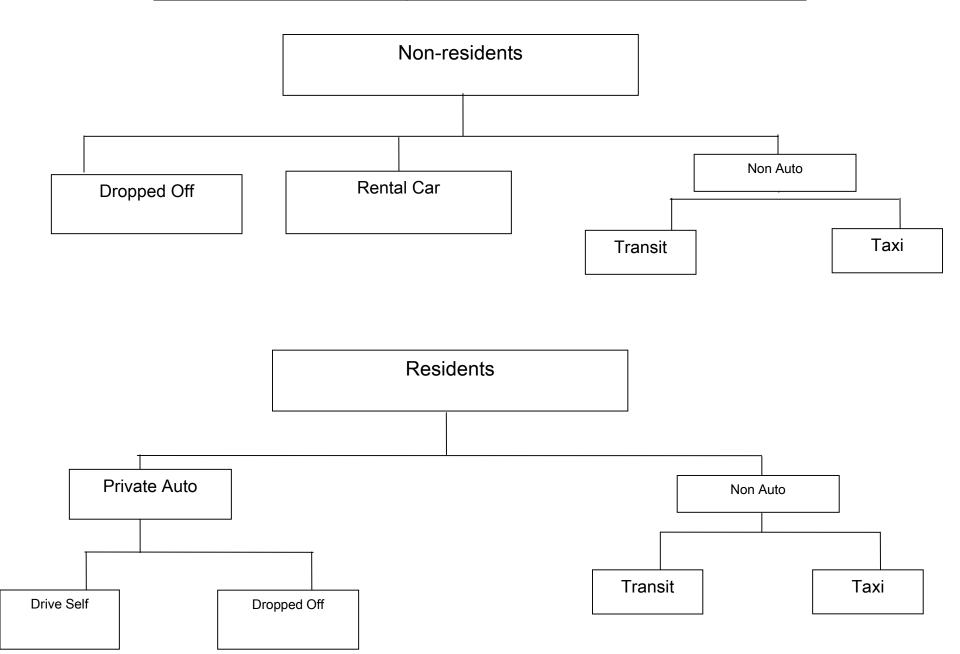
ARC Mode Choice Nesting Structure



ARC Special Generator: Airport Passenger Model

- Estimates average daily air passengers to and from the airport by:
 - Purpose (business VS leisure)
 - Residence Type (resident VS non-resident)
- Total air passengers are allocated to ground site locations based on:
 - Households by income level
 - Total employment
- Features a nested logit model with different structures and modal options for residents and non-residents
- Based on 2000 Hartsfield Air Passenger Survey

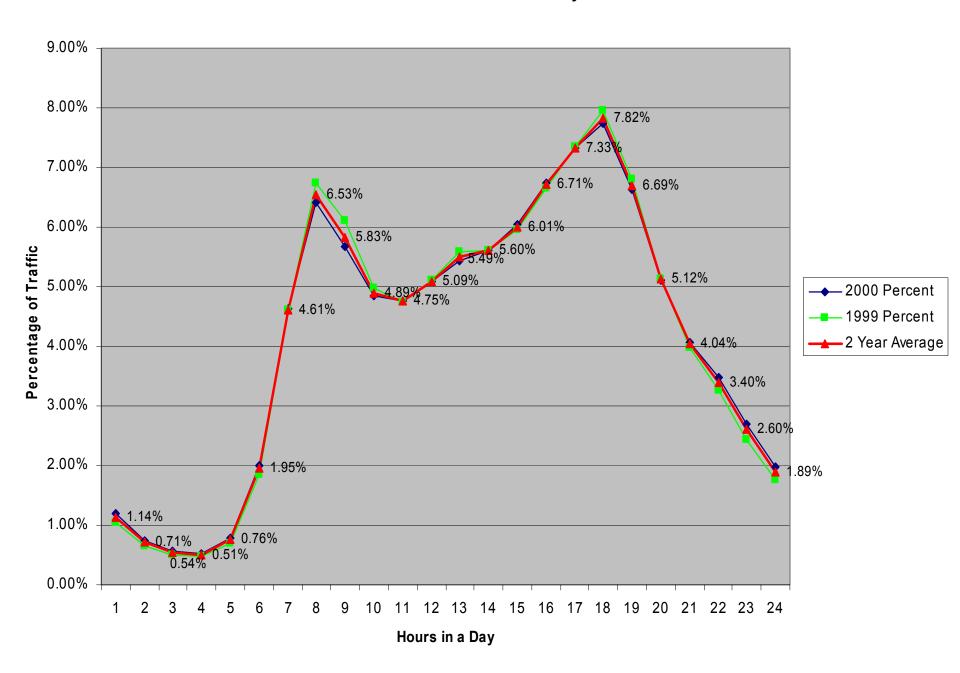
ARC Air Passenger Mode Choice Structure



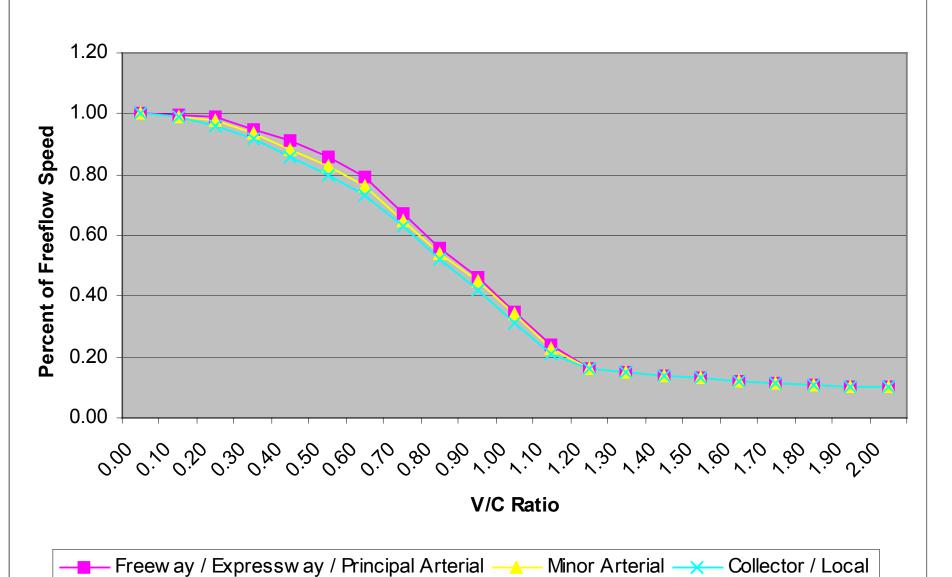
ARC's Highway Assignment

- Created 4 time of day (TOD) assignments:
 - AM peak (6am-10am)
 - Mid-day (10am-3 pm)
 - PM peak (3pm-7pm)
 - Evening/Night (7pm-6am)
- VDF curves grouped by facility types and TOD
- Revised toll diversion model, where time penalty use value-of-time conversion (fixed toll on GA-400)
- Managed lanes (HOT lanes): toll for SOV and trucks based on previous assignment iteration's link v/c ratio, where the toll is distance-based (toll on a per mile basis)
- Feedback loop extends from trip generation to highway assignment (5 feedback loops, 25 equilibrium iterations)
- Tested Induced Demand / Induced Travel effects caused by highway improvements. ARC model includes induced trip effects, both in route diversion and total trip changes. The model shows induced effects, in route diversion, similar to the elasticity produced by research and observed traffic changes.

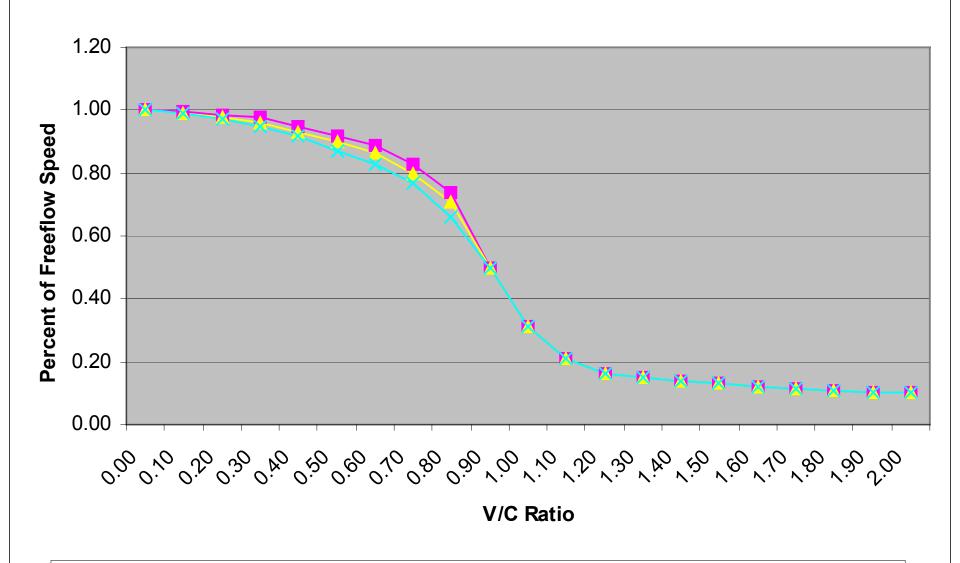
Atlanta Traffic Distribution By Hour





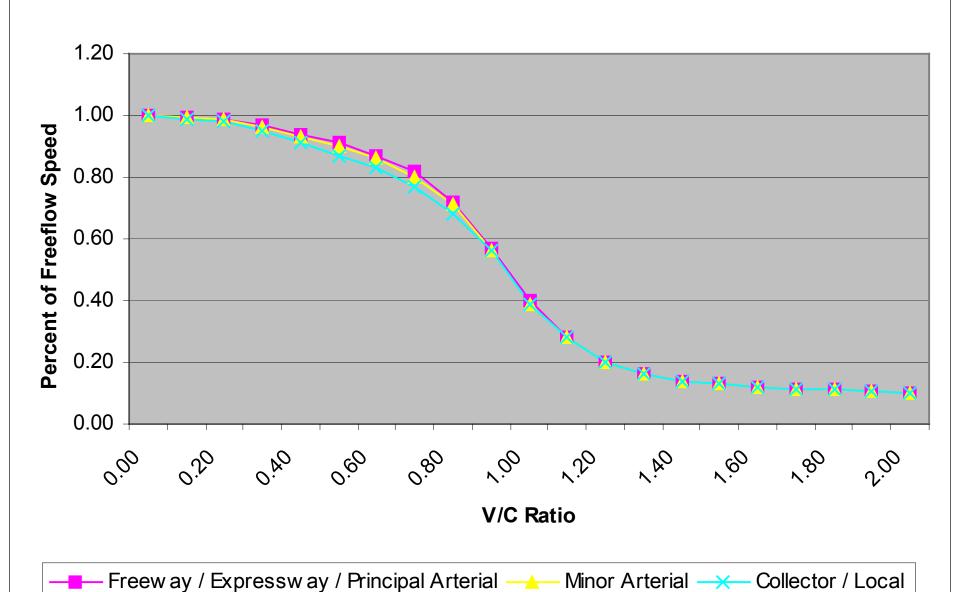


Midday Period Volume-Delay Functions

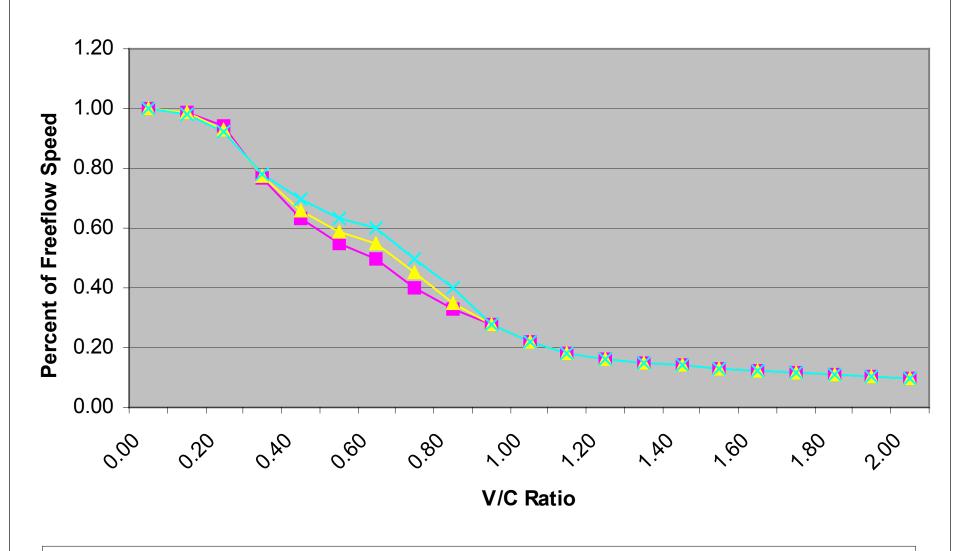


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PM Period Volume-Delay Functions

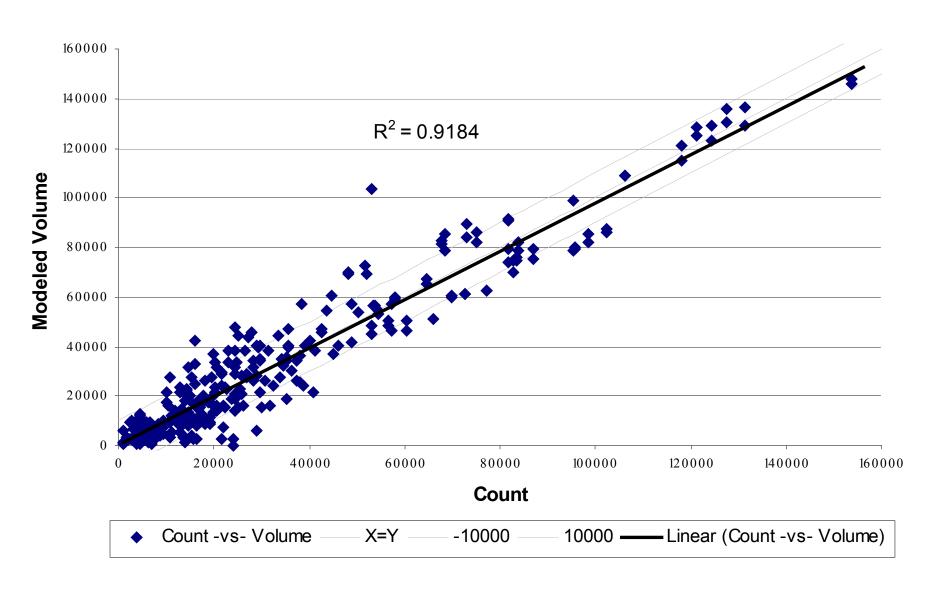


Night Period Volume-Delay Functions



── Freew ay / Expressw ay / Principal Arterial ─── Minor Arterial ─── Collector / Local

Atlanta 2000 Travel Demand Model Scatter Plot



Miscellaneous Pre-Processors (Network Preparation, Data Formatting, etc.)

Module 1. Highway Network Building

Build Highway Networks and Develop Highway Skims

Module 2. Feedback Loops
Trip Generation, Transit Networks, Trip Distribution, Triptable
Manipulations, Mode Choice, 1hr AM Highway Assignment

Module 3. Transit Assignments

Work & Non-Work

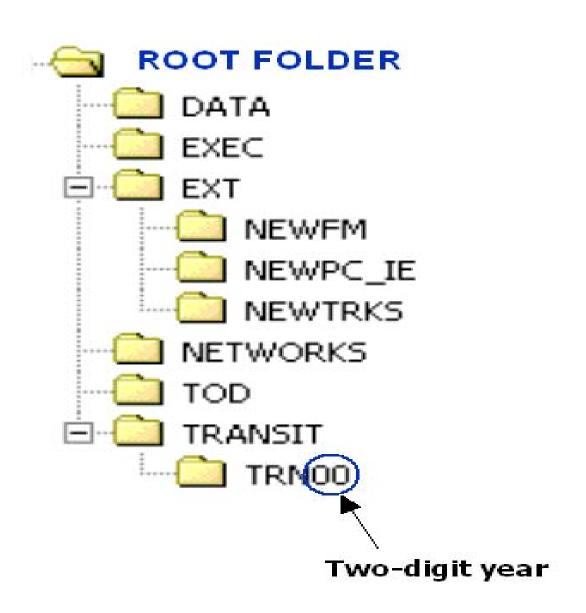
Walk-to-Local / Walk-to-Premium / Drive-to-Transit

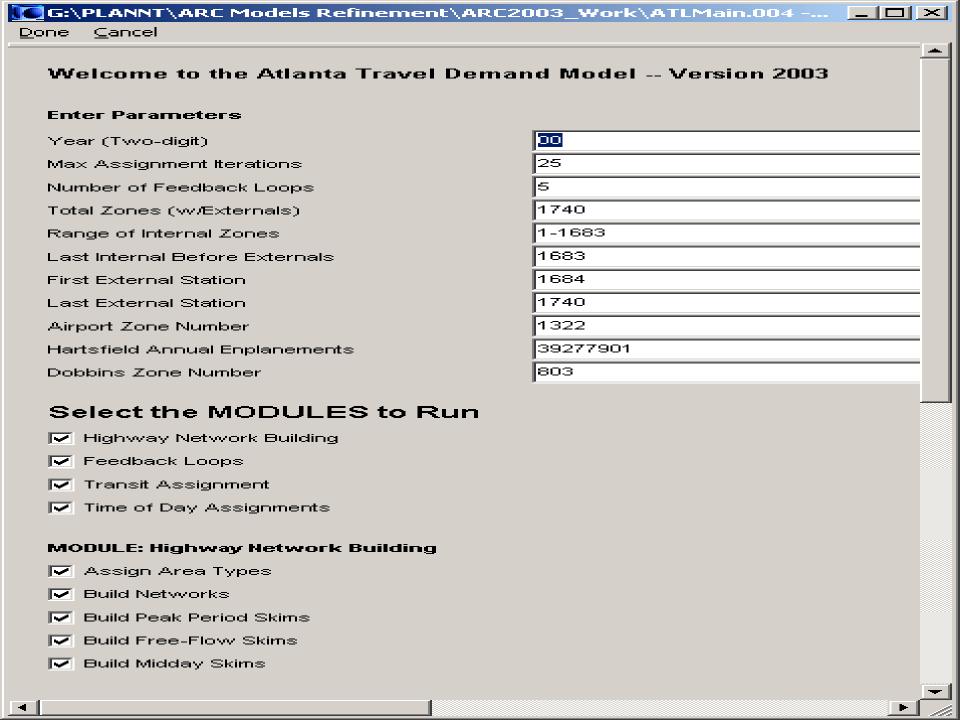
Module 4. Time of Day Assignments

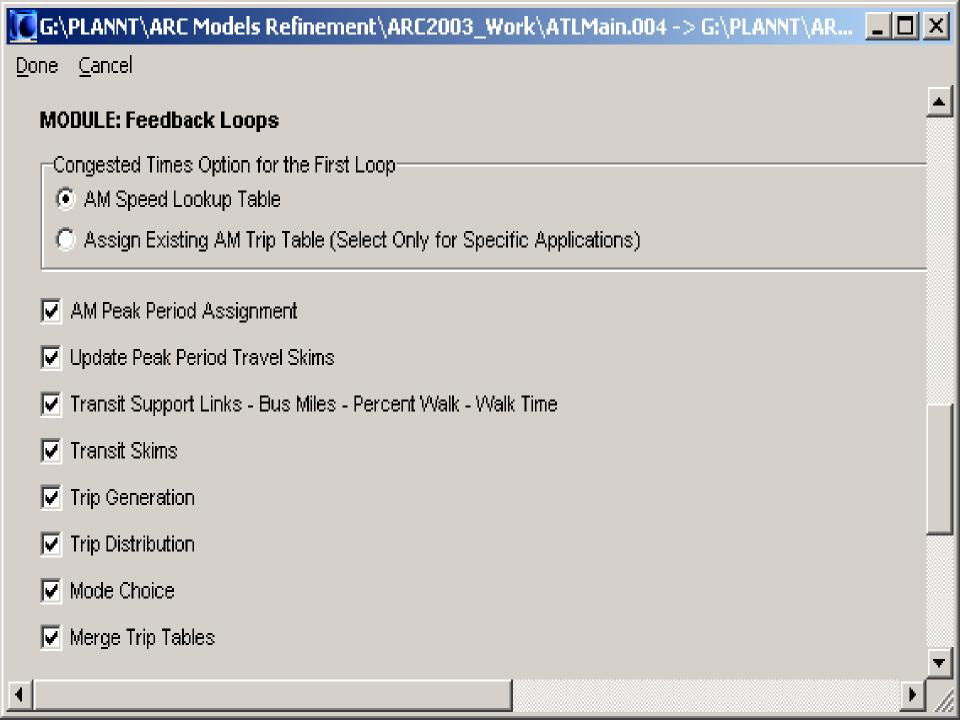
Trip Table Preparation, AM, MD, PM, NT Highway Assignments

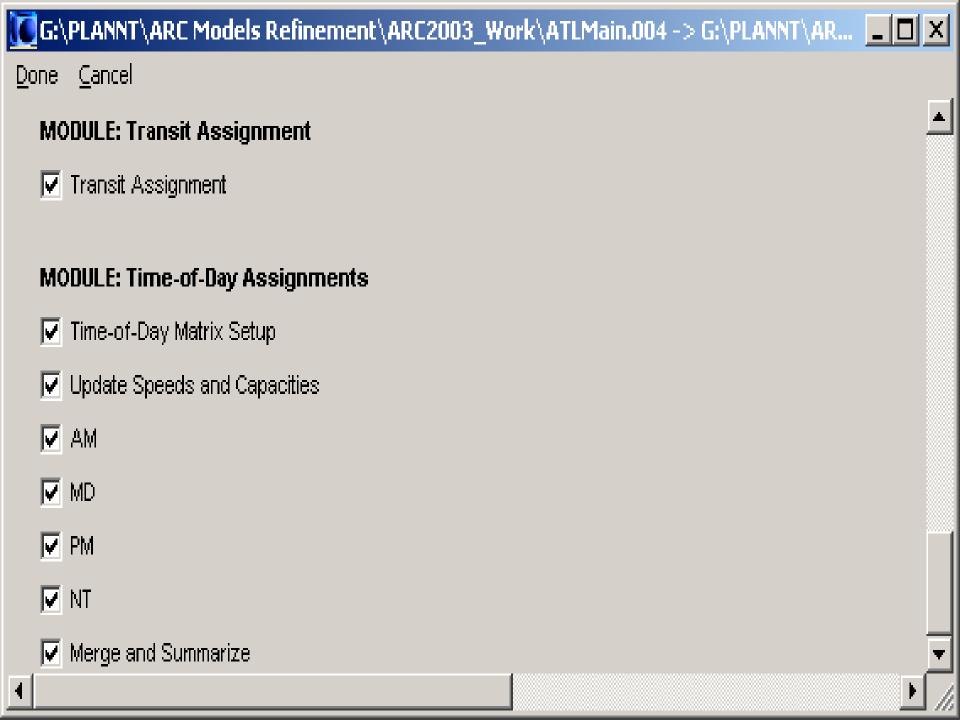
Miscellaneous Post Processors (Value Pricing, Emissions, etc.)

ARC Modeling Directory Structure









ARC 2000 Base Year & 2030 Model Results

POPULATION HOUSEHOLDS	3,630,560 1,356,058	5,869,086 2.323.443
EMPLOYMENT	2,067,000	3,310,428
HOME-BASED WOR	RK	
Walk to Local Transit Trips Walk to Premium Transit Trips Drive to Transit Trips	41,727 88,009 33,039	81,018 156,553 58,105
Low Occupancy (SOV) Vehicle Trips Low Occupancy (SOV) Person Trips High Occupancy (HOV) Vehicle Trips High Occupancy (HOV) Person Trips	2,101,702 2,101,702 100,773 265,608	3,326,176 3,326,176 161,864 425,497
Total HBW Transit Total HBW Vehicles Total HBW Persons	162,775 2,202,475 2,530,085	295,676 3,488,040 4,047,349

Percent HBW Mode Split 6.4% 7.3%

MODE CHOICE SUMMARY AFTER APPLICATION OF AIR PASSENGER

TOTAL TRANSIT TRIPS Total Walk to Local Transit Total Walk to Premium Transit Total Drive to Transit	300,394 67,607 174,396 58,391	536,311 127,385 305,416 103,510
TOTAL VEHICLE TRIPS Total SOV Vehicle Trips Total HOV Vehicle Trips	8,704,643 7,086,937 1,617,706	13,913,716 11,418,287 2,495,429
TOTAL PERSON TRIPS Total SOV Person Trips Total HOV Person Trips Total Transit Trips	11,919,551 7,086,937 4,532,220 300,394	18,939,249 11,418,287 6,984,651 536,311
TOTAL MODE SPLIT (Percent)	2.5%	2.8%

EXTERNAL-EXTERNAL VEHICLE TRIPS

Passenger Cars	46,347	82,116
Trucks	15,482	25,538
TOTAL E-E TRIPS	61,829	107,654

PERSON TRIP TABLE BY PURPOSE

Home-Based Work	2,530,080	4,047,349
Home-Based Other	5,597,463	8,701,930
Non Home-Based	3,689,765	5,960,941
TOTAL PERSON TRIPS	11,817,308	18,710,220

INTERNAL-EXTERNAL TRIPS

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I-E Work - Interstate	136,630	258,988
I-E Work - Non-Interstate	153,887	310,221
Total I-E Work Trips	290,517	569,209
NON-WORK	TRIPS	
I-E Non-Work - Interstate	172,343	324,150
I-E Non-Work - Non-Interstate	194,604	392,302
Total I-E Non-Work Trips	366,947	716,452

TRUCK TRIPS

657,464 1,285,661

TOTAL I-E TRIPS

I-I Light Duty Trucks	1,002,446	1,601,795
I-I Heavy Duty Trucks	325,539	526,210
I-E Light Duty Trucks	67,423	121,047
I-E Heavy Duty Trucks	41,308	73,564
TOTAL TRUCK TRIPS	1,436,716	2,322,616

TOTAL DAILY VEHICLE TRIP TABLE

Truck Vehicle Trips	1,452,644	2,348,623
SOV Vehicle Trips	7,791,171	12,786,515
HOV Vehicle Trips	1,618,118	2,495,860
TOTAL DAILY VEHICLE TRIPS	10.861.933	17.630.998

TIME OF DAY VEHICLE TRIP TABLES

	AM		
Truck Vehicle Trips		441,335	713,524
SOV Vehicle Trips		1,666,374	2,725,832
HOV Vehicle Trips		242,891	374,991
TOTAL AM VEHICLE TRIPS		2,350,600	3,814,347
	MD		
Truck Vehicle Trips		673,011	1,088,369
SOV Vehicle Trips		2,237,793	3,673,823
HOV Vehicle Trips		541,564	842,693
TOTAL MD VEHICLE TRIPS		3,452,368	5,604,885
	<u>PM</u>		
Truck Vehicle Trips		249,231	402,959
SOV Vehicle Trips		3,002,758	4,915,170
HOV Vehicle Trips		666,732	1,020,788
TOTAL PM VEHICLE TRIPS		3,918,721	6,338,917
	<u>NT</u>		
Truck Vehicle Trips		88,584	143,245
SOV Vehicle Trips		879,626	1,464,552
HOV Vehicle Trips		165,961	256,106
•		100,501	200,100

VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED

AM VMT	29,231,507	46,269,810
MD VMT	34,755,605	56,293,733
PM VMT	40,286,588	64,089,408
NT VMT	13,398,933	21,578,644

TOTAL DAILY VMT 117,672,632 188,231,596

44% of VMT on freeway 39% of VMT on arterial 17% of VMT on local/collector

While freeways have more VMT than arterials in 2000, they have only 60% of the hourly capacity of the arterials. However per-lane freeway capacity is 4 to 5 times as great as arterials.

VEHICLE HOURS TRAVELED

TOTAL DAILY VHT	3,417,963	5,607,736
NT VHT	375,714	599,284
PM VHT	1,196,474	1,964,960
MD VHT	1,011,084	1,682,856
AM VHT	834,692	1,360,637

CONGESTED VEHICLE HOURS TRAVELED

AM CONGESTED VHT	985,136	1,801,623
MD CONGESTED VHT	1,202,100	2,242,139
PM CONGESTED VHT	1,397,435	2,557,559
NT CONGESTED VHT	449,635	823,561

TOTAL DAILY CONGESTED VHT 4,034,306 7,424,882

AVERAGE HIGHWAY SPEEDS

Daily Free-Flow Average Speed	34.4	33.6
Daily Congested Average Speed	29.2	25.4

VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED SUMMARY

VMT per Capita	32.4	32.1
VMT per Household	86.8	81.0
VMT per Job	56.9	56.9

VEHICLE HOURS TRAVELED SUMMARY

VHT per Capita	1.1	1.3
VHT per Household	3.0	3.2
VHT per Job	2.0	2.2

A Few Recommended Performance Measures for 2030 Plan Analysis

Source: Tim Lomax, TTI, Texas A&M University

"It's more than just Volume/Capacity Ratios"

- Individual Delay per Person
- Individual Travel Time per Person ("Planning Time")
- Individual Cost Per Person
- Congestion Index from Texas Transportation Institute
- Total Travel Time
- Total Delay Hours
- Total Cost of Travel & Delay

Mobile Source Emissions Modeling



ARC utilizes a traditional link-based procedure to estimate mobile source emissions.

- •Satisfies federal transportation conformity regulations that direct regional emissions analyses Transportation Conformity Rule - Section 93.122(b)
- Consistent with methodology used to develop emissions inventories needed to establish MVEB as part of the SIP



Interface with Travel Demand Model



To calculate emissions, need link-based travel attributes from the travel demand model.

Two primary variables affecting mobile source emission estimates:

- VMT
- Speed

Emissions model "reads" loaded networks for each time-of-day period and post-processes speeds and VMT for emissions modeling purposes.



Done Cancel

Enter Year 2000	2000		
Enter Title for Reports: 2000 Base Year	2000 Base Year		
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Enter Total Number of Zones: 1740	1740		
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Post-Processing VMT – HPMS Adjustment

EPA guidance requires HPMS based forecasts of VMT for emission analyses.

•Average daily, summer-adjusted HPMS VMT estimates for year 2000 compared to average daily travel model VMT for same year, at functional class level

Adjustment factors applied at link level using HPMS functional class code



HPMS Functional Class (Code)	2000 HPMS VMT Summer-Adjusted Average Daily VMT	2000 Travel Demand Model VMT Average Daily VMT	HPMS Adjustment Factors	
Rural Interstate (1)	5,840,728	8,488,287	0.69	
Rural Principal Arterial (2)	3,569,720	3,090,694	1.15	
Rural Minor Arterial (6)	3,811,482	3,168,965	1.20	
Rural Major Collector (7)	3,708,389	3,452,056	1.07	
Rural Minor Collector (8)	1,249,317	1,091,894	1.14	
Rural Local (9)	3,490,796	12,864,647	0.27	
Urban Interstate (11)	37,694,171	34,376,364	1.10	
Urban Other Freeway (12)	6,478,628	2,348,406	2.76	
Urban Principal Arterial (14)	10,350,324	15,653,577	0.66	
Urban Minor Arterial (16)	21,924,642	18,473,757	1.19	
Urbanized Collector (17)	7,617,087	6,174,256	1.23	
Urbanized Local (19)	15,412,042	7,999,419	1.93	
Total VMT	121,147,325	117,182,322		

Emission Factors



Most important change with update to MOBILE6.2 is implementation of emission factors by roadway type (drive cycle).

- Arterials/Collectors
- Freeways/Interstates
- Ramps
- Local Roads

Only emissions for arterials/collectors and freeways/interstates are speed sensitive.

Emission factors produced for 2.5 mph, then 3 mph to 65 mph, inclusive, in one mph increments.



Emissions Modeling Process Summary



 Final assigned VMT and VHT from a capacityrestrained assignment procedure

HPMS Adjustment Factors

Emission Factors

HPMS "Equivalencies"

TP+ Emissions Model

- Post-process link congested flow speed
- Post-process link VMT
- Calculate link emissions
- •Summarize link-level emissions over entire network for four time periods



Multi-Year Program - Activity/Tour-Based Model

	Multi-Teal Trogram	Completed	/ity/io	Proposed	Anticipated	ı
		2001/2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
1	General Approach to Activity/Tour-Based					
	Models	****				
2	Detailed Model Specifications	* * *	*			
3	Data Development:					
	QC and Estimation Files	* *	* *			
4	Initial Estimation - Tour-based Models					
a	Population Synthesizer		****			
b	Household Activity Models		**	* *		
С	Tour Details Models		*	* *	*	
5	Model Applications Development &					
	Testing					
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6	Calibration / Validation					
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С	Tour Details Models				**	* *
d	Highway / Transit Assignment					* * * *
7	Model Application Optimization /					
	Reporting				*	***
8	Documentation & Training				*	***
9	Work Plan to Complete TB with					
	Conversion Strategy		*	*	*	*
10	Integration /Cross-Validation with Trip-					

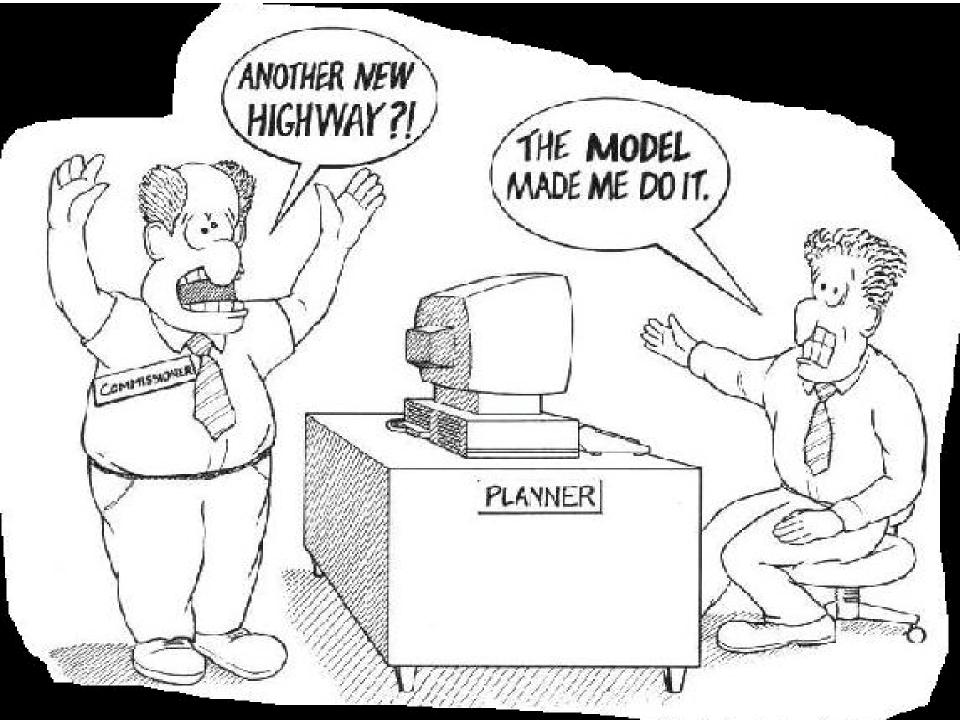
Base Models

Next Steps...

- Conversion to Cube's Application Manager,
 Scenario Manager / Flowchart Approach
- Refine EJ Performance Measures
- Refine Evening / Night TOD Model
- Summarize Model Output by Activity Centers & Town Centers (LCI sites)
- Review the Externals Model

Next Steps (Continued)

- Refine Transit Coding / Modeling & Commuter Rail with "Externals" Input
- Continue Tour-Based & Activity-Based Model Development
- Refine Sketch Modeling Methods
- Perform Commercial Vehicle / Truck
 Survey and Use Transearch Reebie Data
- Freight Model Development



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